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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CENTER FOR THE BOOK AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN.....In December 2002 the N.H. State Library made application to become the state affiliate for the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. The Center for the Book was established at the Library of Congress in 1977 to use the resources and prestige of the Library of Congress (LC) to promote books, reading, libraries, and literacy. John Cole, Director of the Center at LC has served in that position since it was established in 1997. The State Library was granted Center for the Book status in December 2002. The Advisory Committee, which represents a number of New Hampshire organizations that are interested in the goals of the Center such as N.H. Library Association, N.H. Library Trustees Association, the N.H. Department of Education, and many others met to discuss a kick off event for the Center to be held on May 5th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the N.H. State Library. John Cole will attend the opening and will meet with the Advisory Committee the following day to talk about the future for the N.H. Center for the Book.

The New Hampshire Center will serve as a resource for libraries and librarians interested in activities such as literacy, literature, and the celebration of reading. The Advisory Committee is working on a number of programs that will help celebrate the importance of the book.

In the digital age, it is easy to forget about the importance of the book and the impact it has had on civilization. Before Gutenberg, the use of movable type books were for the wealthy, or limited to scholars and the clergy. The N.H. Center for the Book will help us recognize the importance of the book in civilization and in the history of New Hampshire. Please join us May 5th as we open the New Hampshire Center for the Book.

-Michael York, State Librarian

DIRECTORY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARIES TO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE

As you know, over the past few years, the State Library has begun publishing many of its publications in strictly online format. Beginning in fall 2003, the *Directory of New Hampshire Libraries* will no longer be distributed to libraries in print format by the State Library. **The directory will only be available via the Internet.** This is part of the ongoing efforts of the State Library to deliver current and accurate information while implementing cost saving measures. The online version of the *Directory of New Hampshire Libraries* will function as a very versatile database capable of being searched by many different fields. This special function will allow users to create a variety of lists containing library information according to user need. If users choose, they will be able to print a hard copy of the entire directory in a .pdf format as well. The directory will be updated daily as information changes by Darlene Reinhard in the Administrative Office of the State Library. If libraries have personnel and e-mail address changes that occur throughout the year, please remember to notify Darlene so your library directory listing will be accurate. Darlene will continue to survey libraries once a year (every spring) as part of creating a new yearly directory.

NEW HAMPSHIRE TO HOST FIRST-TIME GATHERING OF U.S. POETS LAUREATE

For the first time in history, poets laureate from around the nation will gather in New Hampshire in April for a groundbreaking conference on the role of poetry in society. Hosted by the New Hampshire Writers' Project (NHWP) in association with the Academy of American Poets, the three-day event, dubbed *Poetry and Politics*, will bring together poets laureate representing some 30 states, plus prominent politicians, educators, and media moguls. The brainchild of New Hampshire Poet Laureate, Marie Harris, the event will take place April 25th-26th, in a variety of locations around the state.

"The idea of bringing poets and politicians together was a natural for the state that plays a unique role in U.S. politics," says Harris. "During the primary season, New Hampshire is where a lot of the key issues facing our country get defined and debated. We want to make sure that culture and, specifically, poetry, is part of that discussion. While the tradition of state poet laureate has been around since the 1930s, most state poets laureate have never met. There wasn't even a central list of who they all were until we began to put this together," Harris explains. Her initial brainstorm broadened into the three-day event with the involvement of the New Hampshire Writers' Project and the Academy of American Poets.

The conference has three primary goals, according to NHWP Executive Director Katie Goodman. "We want to gather the poets in one place and provide informal opportunities for them to exchange information, ideas, and concerns. The role of the laureate is not well defined in any state, and it seems to be up to the individual to interpret the position and to initiate presentations, programs, and occasional poetry to address the place of the poet in society.

"Secondly, we want to make sure that poetry and culture are part of the political discussion in the upcoming election season. So we're not just putting poets and politicians in a room together, we're taking the visiting poets, along with our native New Hampshire poets, into New Hampshire communities.

"Finally, we see this not as an end in itself, but rather the beginning of the discussion that will certainly continue, in one form or another, for years. And, although we have no expectations of specific outcomes, we're confident that the issues raised will serve to ignite further exploration of the poet's public role," says Goodman.

Events begin Friday, April 25th when the poets laureate travel to the reading venues, accompanied by New Hampshire poets. On Saturday, the *Poetry & Politics: Nations of the Mind* conference will take place at The Highlander Inn and Conference Center in Manchester. Panel discussions include the *Poet as Citizen*; *Poetry and Education*; *Poetry and Community*; *Human Creativity and the Brain*; *Poetry and the Media*; *Poets and Politicians*; and *Poetry and the Spirit*.

Saturday night, a gala dinner at The Center of New Hampshire will celebrate the gathering of poets and recognize the state's supporters of poetry and the arts, with a keynote speech by the new Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, poet and essayist Dana Gioia.

For more information, contact Katie Goodman at the N.H. Writers' Project at 226-6649.

NEW LIS MATERIALS AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Attracting, educating, and serving remote users through the Web : a how-to-do-it manual for librarians. Edited by Donnelyn Curtis - New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2002.
ISBN 1555704360

Brandt, D. Scott. *Teaching technology : a how-to-do-it manual for libraries.* New York: Neal-Schuman, 2002. ISBN 1555704263

Cox, Richard J. *Vandals in the stacks? : a response to Nicholson Baker's assault on libraries.* Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2002. ISBN 0313312445

Getting Libraries the credit they deserve : a festschrift in honor of Marvin H. Scilken. Edited by Lorlene Roy, Antony Cherian. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 2002.
ISBN 0810844559

Kahn, Miriam. *Disaster response and planning for libraries.* 2nd edition. Chicago: American Library Association, 2003. ISBN 0838908373

McCracken, Linda D. *The library book cart precision drill team manual*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2002. ISBN 0786411597

Rubin, Rhea Joyce. *Planning for library services to people with disabilities*. Chicago: Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies, 2001. ISBN 0838981682

Singer, Paula M. *Developing a compensation plan for your library*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2002. ISBN 0838908160

Web of deception : misinformation on the Internet. Edited by Anne P. Mintz - Medford, N.J. : CyberAge Books, 2002. ISBN 0910965609

Ziarnik, Natalie Reif. *School & public libraries : developing the natural alliance*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2003. ISBN 0838908411

LADYBUG PICTURE BOOK AWARD

by Ann Hoey, Youth Services Coordinator
N.H. State Library

The Center for the Book at the N.H. State Library has created the *Ladybug Picture Book Award*. The purpose of the award is to promote early literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books.

A committee met in late February 2003 to establish parameters and to set the guidelines for titles to be considered for the picture book award. Nominations will be considered at another meeting in April 2003. At that time, 12 titles will be selected and copies of the list will be made available to all public and school libraries at the N.H. Libraries Conference in May. Children from preschoolers to those in third grade will be voting to select the award winner during Children's Book Week in November. Once the Center for the Book launches its website, all details of the award will be posted there.

To be considered for nomination, a picture book must meet the following criteria:

- book must be published within last three years
- book must be in print
- either the book's authors or illustrator must be from the United States
- book must have strong child appeal
- book must have artistic quality with text that supports the illustrations
- no titles will be repeated from year to year

The Picture Book Award Committee welcomes the participants of any public or school librarian. For more information, please contact Ann Hoey at 271-2865 or ahoey@library.state.nh.us.

WPA ART EXHIBIT AT THE N.H. STATE LIBRARY

by Charles Shipman, Reference Librarian
N.H. State Library

An art exhibit featuring works by New Hampshire artists during the Great Depression is being held at the State Library from **March 19 to June 4, 2003**. Announcements in *Granite State Libraries* and the N.H. Library Association newsletter listed the opening date as February 20th, but the opening was postponed.

The State Library has mounted an exhibit of artwork by New Hampshire artists who were employed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression. The exhibition places artworks done for New Hampshire's visual arts component of the Federal Arts Project, 1935-1942, in historical context. It combines paintings, woodcuts, and photographs in the State Library collection with items donated to the New Hampshire Artist Archives, such as a printmaker's table and tools, along with business correspondence and newspaper stories of the time. The featured artists are Herbert Waters and Nat Burwash. Thanks to the willingness of the New Hampshire Arts Association to loan some items to the exhibit, there is also a display on Omer Lassonde, who directed the Federal program in New Hampshire. The exhibit runs for 11 weeks.

FUNDING ACHIEVED FOR FIRST STOP: THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY

The N.H. Historical Society and the N.H. Political Library today announced successful completion of fundraising for an upcoming exhibition that will explore New Hampshire's unique role in Presidential politics. *First Stop: The New Hampshire Primary* will be on view at the Society's Museum of New Hampshire History in Concord from May 3, 2003 through March 28, 2004. Major sponsors include Orr & Reno, P.A.; the Grappone Companies; the Concord Comfort Inn; Public Service of New Hampshire; the N.H. Political Library; the N.H. Humanities Council; and WMUR-TV. A related lecture series and educational programs are funded, in part, by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

"This exhibition is a wonderful resource for understanding and encouraging participation in the political process," said Linda Burroughs, Director of External Relations at the New Hampshire Historical Society. "We are grateful for the strong support and community spirit of our sponsors."

"We are looking forward to the collaboration with the New Hampshire Historical Society in presenting first-in-the-nation Presidential primary history to the thousands of people who will view this exhibition in 2003 and 2004," said Michael Chaney, Political Library Executive Director.

The New Hampshire Political Library collects, organizes, and make available the only comprehensive collection of election campaign papers and memorabilia from a half century of New Hampshire Presidential primary history. Visit the Political Library online at <http://politicallylibrary.org>.

The New Hampshire Historical Society is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing New Hampshire history through the Museum of New Hampshire History and the Tuck Library. The Society presents more than 50 public programs each year, including concerts, classes, and family days. Find out more about Society exhibitions and events online at <http://nhhistory.org>.

CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW

Come to the Children's Book Review! The Review allows librarians to preview newly published children's and young adult titles. Librarians are invited to look over juvenile nonfiction books, picture books, easy readers, and chapter and young adult books. Most of the books include copies of reviews from professional journals. Librarians can select a title at the review, and the book, along with 1-3 additional titles, will be sent by van after the review. Visitors to the review will also receive a bibliography of all of the books in the review. The next review will be held at the Jaffrey Public Library: Thursday, April 3rd (1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.); Friday, April 4th (11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); and Saturday, April 5th (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Please come and enjoy the chance to preview children's books in a relaxed setting. If you have any questions, contact Ann Hoey at ahoey@library.state.nh.us

NHPTV'S READY TO LEARN SERVICE RECEIVES LITERACY GRANT FROM VERIZON

New Hampshire Public Television's *Ready To Learn* (RTL) service has received a \$10,000 literacy grant from Verizon. The grant will enable the program to expand literacy outreach in the state. While RTL serves everyone, target populations include low-income families, those who have limited literacy, use English as a second language, have children with disabilities, or live in a rural area.

Ready To Learn activities scheduled in the next several months include:

- Distributing through 33 community First Book partners, more than 15,000 new books free of charge to children and families who do not have ready access to print materials (some books are available in Spanish);
- Developing activities to be used in conjunction with reading selected First Books;
- Giving a book to each family attending Family Math or Science Nights and Family Literacy Nights, to foster an understanding of how to enhance a child's learning by incorporating books, television, and hands-on activities;

- Providing 950 board books for infants and toddlers, to be distributed by First Book partner agencies, to encourage new parents to expose children to books and reading early in life;
- Presenting literacy workshops for parents, early education professionals, and other caregivers to encourage language development, reading aloud, storytelling, and positive use of media;
- Carrying out Project Storytime, an extended literacy project for incarcerated parents at the Lakes Region Correctional Facility in Laconia; and
- Developing a literacy program to encourage teen parents to read aloud to their children.

Beyond its award-winning local and national television programs, NHPTV provides instructional services for 220,000 students from kindergarten through high school; airs *Ready To Learn* program for children, preschool to age 12, and provides professional development program and advanced technology training for parents, educators and child-care providers in New Hampshire and neighboring states. For more information about NHPTV programs that entertain, educate and enrich, visit www.nhptv.org.

COURSE CATALOG AVAILABLE ONLINE

The State Library online course catalog (www.state.nh.us/nhsl/training/course.html) is now listing a variety of courses that you should register for posthaste! Registration forms are available from the same website. NO PAPER COURSE CATALOG WILL BE SENT TO YOU (if you cannot access the web, please contact Tom Ladd at tladd@library.state.nh.us). The New NHU-PAC training dates and sites will soon be listed. The Database Searching workshops are free and offered in Concord at the State Library. Workshops include: American Fact Finder; AncestryPlus; Consumer Health; EBSCOhost Administration; EBSCOhost Searching; Library Literature Online; N.H. Newspapers Online; and OCLC's WorldCat. The Modular Library Education courses are offered in various locations and have varying tuitions. Courses include: Cataloging Overview; The Reference Interview; Juvenile Non-Fiction Collection Development and Management; Programming for Children; and Puppetry Programming. In addition to State Library offerings, there are many other educational opportunities in New Hampshire. Watch the Online Education & Training Calendar (www.state.nh.us/nhsl/calendar/calendar.htm) for frequent updates.

GRANTS FOR BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2003 Books For Children grants. The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. In order to encourage and reward local support of libraries, the Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by a library's local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of books. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors have four months, or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds. The librarian of each participating library selects the books his/her library will receive from a list provided by the Foundation. The 700-plus fiction and non-fiction titles reflect the very best of children's literature published in the last three years. These titles, which are for children 12 and under, are award-winners or have received starred reviews in library, literary, and education journals. The list also includes a selection of classic children's titles. Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000), be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. Rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000. Previous Books For Children grant recipients are eligible to apply for a second grant three years after the receipt of their first grant. Application (postmark) deadlines: July 15th and November 15th, with award dates at the end of August and December. To have an application form e-mailed to you, please contact Barbara J. McKillip at librifdn@teleport.com, with the subject line: Grant Application. For more information, please check their website at www.librifoundation.org or contact Barbara McKillip, President, The Libri Foundation, P.O. Box 10246, Eugene, OR 97440, (541) 747-9655 or fax (541) 747-4348.

A LETTER TO NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARIES

"I wish to share with you a statement I made for my staff evaluation at the Rye Public Library. I would like you to keep in mind that I am not a "professional" librarian, meaning that I do not have an MLS or even a bachelor's degree. What I do have is a great love for libraries.

"This past year has been a year of tremendous growth for me both professionally and personally. After 15 years in library work, I have come to realize what a wonderful opportunity it has been for me to be of service to the people of my community. I love my job! I feel truly "called" to this work.

"After attending a READS conference entitled "The Library as a Community Center", I wrote an e-mail to the President of the N.H. Library Association expressing my personal satisfaction with library work and, in particular, the Reference and Adult Services (READS). It was at their conference that I discovered what "good work" is done for people in communities throughout New Hampshire at our local libraries.

"I was asked to join READS as a member of the board; and recently I accepted the responsibility as Treasurer for this group. In addition, I was appointed to the N.H. State Library Advisory Council representing NHLA.

"My whole attitude changed about my job and about libraries just by attending a READS conference! Our library is becoming the center of our community. We have used many of the ideas shared by other libraries at that conference; for example, home delivery of library materials, a community activities notebook, posting of senior services information and offering a library tote-bag to new patrons which is full of information about our town organizations. I don't think of myself as a "professional" librarian, but I have come to realize that all of us who love our jobs and our libraries are professionals. I urge you to become a member of the NHLA and, in particular, READS. If not all of your, at least make sure someone from your library is represented at the next READS conference and joins us in the pursuit of making good libraries even better!"

-Tricia Quinn
Adult Services Librarian
Rye Public Library

STATE LIBRARY BEGINS IMPLEMENTATION OF QUESTIONPOINT REFERENCE SERVICE

by Charles Shipman, Reference Librarian
N.H. State Library

The N.H. State Library has purchased a subscription to QuestionPoint, a collaborative reference service developed by the Library of Congress and OCLC. QuestionPoint will allow us to enhance our 'Ask a Librarian' service (www.nh.gov/ask/index.htm) in a number of ways. Here are some of the features QuestionPoint offers:

- **Live Chat with Patrons:** Reference librarians will be available for online sessions with patrons at designated times.
- **Reference Management Tools:** QuestionPoint can be used as a reference management system to track questions and generate usage statistics, not only for e-mail and chat interactions, but for walk up and phone reference as well.
- **Global and Local Knowledge Bases:** We'll have access to a database of previously asked and answered question pairs developed by libraries that subscribe to QuestionPoint. We'll also be able to develop a local database of questions and answers particular to our institution. This will cut down on duplication of effort and make our service more efficient.
- **Questions Referral:** If we're posed a question we're unable to answer, we'll be able to forward the question to other participating libraries. Each participating library has a profile identifying its reference strengths and weaknesses, so questions are routed to the library best suited to respond. Likewise, other libraries may forward questions to us.

We're currently setting up a test site so we can get used to the software, but soon we'll begin managing e-mail questions through QuestionPoint, and by July 2003 we will start offering online chat for patrons. Look for further announcements once this service is up and running. You'll be welcome to use our 'Ask a Librarian' site to submit questions and use the chat feature when it becomes available. This is a good way to experience virtual reference from the patron's viewpoint. If there's sufficient interest, we may hold a seminar on virtual reference this Fall at the State Library.

The State Library has offered e-mail reference service for over four years now, and during that time the number of e-mail questions has grown dramatically, from just over 400 in FY 1999 to 3,205 questions in FY 2002. As more people turn to the Internet for information, it becomes increasingly necessary to provide these patrons with service that is reliable, convenient, and fast, while they're online. QuestionPoint is one of many "virtual reference" tools designed for that purpose. (For an introduction to virtual reference, see the following website: www.lis.uiuc.edu/~b-sloan/bernie.htm)

QuestionPoint was purchased by the State Library's Electronic and Government Information Resources Section (EGIR) with Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) funds allotted for improvements to Webster, the state website. Theresa Paré and Diana Degen from EGIR are providing invaluable support in getting this service up and running.

If you would like to learn more about QuestionPoint, visit www.questionpoint.org/index.html.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOKS COLUMN

by Eleanor O'Donnell
N.H. State Library

Allen, E. John B. **NEW HAMPSHIRE ON SKIS.** Arcadia Publishing. (Images of Sports series). 2002. \$19.99 ISBN 0-7385-1135-8

Pictorial history of the ski industry in New Hampshire. Many of the images in this collection are from the New England Ski Museum in Franconia.

Allen, Wilma L. **POWER & PARADISE; THE DOUBLE LIVES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKES.** Double-U-Books, P.O. Box 57, Rindge, N.H. 03461-0057. \$16.95, plus \$3.00 S&H. ISBN 0-9637690-1-4

Through the centuries, lakes have always been the hardest working resources of the Granite State. They have provided power for the mills, sustained industrial empires of ice and electricity, and helped make tourism a leading industry. This interesting book tells their story.

AMC RIVER GUIDE: NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT. 3rd edition. Appalachia Mountain Club Books. 2002. \$14.95 ISBN 1-878239-96-1

Comprehensive, straightforward guide to 130 rivers and their tributaries for paddlers of all experiences. Describes level of difficulty, recommended water level, portages, total trip distance, and provides maps and directions.

Child, William. **LETTERS FROM A CIVIL WAR SURGEON.** Polar Bear & Co. 2002. \$25.00 ISBN 1-882190-63-7

Collection of letters written by a surgeon of the Union Army to his wife during the Civil War. Includes an eyewitness account of Lincoln's assassination. Child, author of the *History of the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers*, lived for many years in Bath, N.H.

Garneau, Albert. **OFFICIAL HISTORY OF FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE: THE BIRTHPLACE OF DANIEL WEBSTER: VOLUME I.** Order from Albert Garneau, P.O. Box 247, Franklin, N.H. 03235-0247, or contact Franklin Public Library. 2003. \$50.00

Franklin's official historian has compiled a comprehensive history of the city. Volume One contains information on the family of Daniel Webster, city government officials, various industries, names of streets, hills, cemeteries, organizations and notable citizens.

Graykin, M.J. **AWAKE CHIMERA.** Xlibris. 2001. \$21.99 ISBN 0-7388-6107-3

Imagine living in a world with alien creatures. This science fiction novelist has done just that. The author resides in Deerfield.

Hazzard, Dorothy Emery. **SALT WATER FARM: MEMOIR OF A PLACE ON GREAT BAY.** Peter E. Randall. 2001. \$19.95. ISBN 0-914339-99-0

Hilarious memoir of a suburban family moving to a bayside farm in Greenland, N.H. in the thirties and forties. They plan to live off the land if they have to, but pretty soon the animals rule.

IMAGES OF AMERICA SERIES:

Heald, Bruce D. **AROUND SQUAM LAKE.** Arcadia Publishing. 2002. \$19.99
ISBN 0-7385-1001-7

Pictorial history of Squam Lake includes early Native American lore, and the gradual development of the five towns surrounding the lake, namely, Moultonboro, Sandwich, Holderness, Center Harbor and Ashland.

Thompson, Christopher J. **MILFORD.** Arcadia Publishing. 2002. 419.99 ISBN 0-7385-1109-9

In 2002, the National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded Milford one of only five national Great American Main Street Awards for the revitalization of the downtown area. In this work, Milford looks back at the people, places, and events that have molded the community.

Wolfeboro Historical Society. **WOLFEBORO.** Arcadia Publishing. 2001. \$18.99
ISBN 0-7385-0544-7

Photographs from the historical society's collection provide a visual perspective of Wolfeboro town life from the 1800's through the mid-1900's.

Kinsman, Lawrence. **BIRDS OF PREY.** Abelard Press. 2002. \$25.00 ISBN 0-9648817-4-8

The protagonist of this detective novel is Sylvie Kaplan, a Boston Homicide policewoman, who first appeared in a novella contained in Kinsman's *A Well-ordered Life*. The investigation begins with the murder of a former fashion model somehow connected to the assistant secretary of defense. The author is a professor of English at Southern New Hampshire University.

Monkman, Jerry and Marcy. **DISCOVER SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE: AMC GUIDE TO THE BEST HIKING, BIKING, AND PADDLING.** Appalachian Mountain Club Books. 2002. \$15.95 ISBN 1-929173-15-6

Arranged by sections on hiking, biking and paddling, the book provides information on trip time, distance and difficulty, sidebars on natural history, detailed in-text maps. The appendices include recommended reading, a list of state pa

Polidoro, J.P. **RETURN TO RABY: A NEW ENGLAND NOVEL**. Longtail Publishing. 2003. \$16.95
ISBN 0-9677619-2-1

When newcomer, Nelson Palmer, moves to a small New Hampshire town and renovates an old church building into a retirement home for him and his wife, his plans are met with resistance. He becomes embroiled in town politics and intrigue. Laconia author Polidoro's previous books include *Project Samuel* and *Rapid Descent: Disaster in Boston Harbor*.

Rubino, Diana. **TOO MUCH FOR WORDS**. Domhan Books. 2001. \$13.95 ISBN 1-58345-978-3

Science fiction novelist Judi Sommers becomes so obsessed with her imaginary hero that she begs her scientist friend, Felix, to create a clone with all her ideal characteristics. Will she be happy when she gets what she wants? Rubino, who usually writes historical fiction, lives in Hudson.

Slomba, Elizabeth, and William E. Ross. **WILDCAT HOCKEY: ICE HOCKEY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**. Arcadia Publishing. (Images of Sports series) 2002. \$19.99
ISBN 0-7385-1102-1

Ice hockey was established at UNH in 1914. The team played only one year. Ten years later marked the official beginning of intercollegiate hockey at UNH. This book provides a visual record of the exploits of the men and women who have put UNH on the collegiate ice hockey map.

Smith, Kathy, editor. **NO HIGHER CALLING: A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS ON THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**. Child and Family Services, Manchester. 2002.
\$42.00 ISBN 0-9718263-1-5

The Manchester Family Services Association, the Concord Family Services Association and the New Hampshire Children's Aid Society merged in 1968 and 1971 to form the Child and Family Services of New Hampshire. Each of these essays examines a feature of American culture and its relationship to social services, in particular child and family services. Includes historical photographs and a "timeline" of the agency's growth.

Towler, Katherine. **SNOW ISLAND**. Plume. 2003. \$13.00 ISBN 0-452-28390-6

Coming-of-age story set during World War II. Author is a recipient of 2003 NH State Council on the Arts fellowship.

THE WHITE MOUNTAINS: A PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT. Pilotpress Publishers and Twin Light Publishers. 2000. \$24.95 ISBN 1-885435-10-X

This magnificent collection of photographs of the White Mountains region includes prize winners judged by photographic professionals.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Town Meeting Roundup

In March 2003, public libraries were requested to provide *Granite State Libraries* with a brief description of successful library initiatives or notable budget increases approved at Town Meeting. A number of libraries seem to have done well. The successful libraries were:

Alton - The good people of Alton voted for \$13,000 to start a Capital Improvement Fund (3 year plan) to add an elevator in the elevator shaft that was built during the renovation/addition in 1997.

Brentwood - The voters of Brentwood passed a \$630,000 appropriation for an addition to the Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library on March 13th at Town Meeting. As this was the first attempt, we were thrilled. Thanks go to three librarians for their support, Tracy Waldron, East Kingston, Hope Godino, Exeter, and Rhoda Capron, Nottingham. Tracy is one of the Board of Library Trustees and in on all of the planning and the aggravation of an initiative to combine our library with the schools. Hope was good enough to show up on Town Meeting night to support us. Rhoda shared her expertise on just how Nottingham went about getting their addition.

Canterbury - Elkins Library had a \$2.8 million bond to build a new fire/safety building and new town garage and to renovate the present town garage and fire station complex to create a new library. The overall budget is about \$800,000, with \$125,000 coming from the Capital Reserve Fund. It appears that the library will be moving in about a year and a half when the entire project is projected to be complete.

Candia - Smyth Library's budget increased 24% for increased costs association with the new building.

Hampstead - The town of Hampstead passed a rather complicated issue this year. The appropriation was for \$560,000. \$725,000 of that will come from the Capital Reserve Fund, \$60,000 from private donations, and \$225,000 from current year taxation. A second article authorized the selectmen to direct the proceeds of the sale of a town owned piece of land to the completion of the library building, which means that it will go to reduce the \$225,000 from current taxation. This article also passed. The first Hampstead Public Library building committee was formed in 1984. The building will be finished this year and expand to the second floor in 2004. It has been 20 years in the making.

Moultonborough - The town approved two warrant articles for the Moultonborough Public Library. An addition to be built in 2-3 years. "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be put in the Capital Reserve Fund, a trust fund established under Article 13 of the 2001 Town Warrant to be expended for the future expansion of the Moultonborough Public Library." "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$100,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund, a trust fund established under Article 13 of the 2001 Town Warrant to be expended for the future expansion of the Moultonborough Public Library. These funds to be earmarked for further architectural planning, site development and construction planning."

Nottingham - To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,185 to complete constructing the kitchen/storage area in the Chesley Memorial Library. From this total, the Library Trustees propose to fund \$2,000 from grants and other fund raising projects, leaving a balance of \$3,185 to be raised from taxes. Motion passed on March 15.

Piermont - The library's budget was approved at town meeting on March 11th with a 40% increase in town monies for the library. The additional \$8,000 will support all aspects of the budget and acknowledges the town's willingness to support our program and the unreality of expecting seven (mostly working) trustees to raise thousands of dollars each year to cover budget expenses.

Sanbornville - One Selectman at a Budget Committee meeting motioned to raise the library budget by \$12,000 to hire a part-time children's librarian to work 26 hours per week. The motion was passed unanimously.

Sunapee - It's a go for the library trustees to raise \$1.8 million for a new town library, which will be built on Ski Tow Hill. Voters will spend \$57,500 from a Capital Reserve Fund for the new library. The Article also asked voters to approve raising \$1,842,500 through fundraising and let the Friends of the Abbott Library put \$90,000 of their own money into the new building. Library Trustee Chairman Peter Urbach has said that choosing a site this year and the town's support of the project would be instrumental to the library trustees' fundraising campaign. The trustees plan to spend \$30,000 to \$75,000 to hire a company to raise the \$2 million.

BARRINGTON LIBRARY HOSTS POET LAUREATE

Poet Laureates Amiri Baraka (N.J.) and Marie Harris (N.H.) will do a poetry reading at the Barrington Public Library on April 25th at 2:00 p.m. For more information on the poets and other poetry events happening around the State go to <http://www.poetryandpolitics.org>.

TAYLOR LIBRARY, EAST DERRY MARKS 125 YEARS AS A LIBRARY

It opened with 917 volumes in a small room across the street from its current location on February 23, 1878. On February 24, 2003, Taylor Library held an all day birthday party and open house to celebrate 125 years of continuous service to the town of Derry and East Derry.

Taylor Library was founded with a bequest of \$1,000 each from Harriet and her sister Emma Taylor. In 1930 the library moved to a larger space across the street at 49 East Derry Road where it has remained ever since. Frederick J. Shepard, Jr., (Alan Shepard, Jr.'s uncle) gave the building to the town to house the library. Alan's grandmother, Annie was a librarian at Taylor Library for many years and Alan's father served as a Trustee for 52 years.

Trustees and staff hosted the day long birthday party complete with cake, punch, and balloons. Over 100 people came throughout the day to wish the library well. Many brought presents to help us celebrate the occasion. One patron gave the library's building fund a check for \$125 to celebrate each year of existence.

GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY - has made it easier for the blind and visually impaired to access the library's volumes.

Two new software programs, Magic a screen magnification program, and Jaws, a screen reading program from Freedom Scientific - have been installed on one of the libraries computers.

Dianne Hathaway, Library Director, is thrilled with the new software. "It has opened up the world to them. Think of the access they didn't have before."

Magic can be used by anyone with impaired vision, colorblindness by magnifying the text on the screen from two to 16 times. With text smoothing, mouse enhancements, screen locators and inverse colors for contrast reading, Magic can allow someone with impaired vision to fully experience a computer.

Jaws, the other software program makes it possible for blind people to use the library's card catalog and databases, the Internet, e-mail, Instant Messenger, Real Player, America Online, word-processors, Microsoft programs such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook.

"We're hoping to have other libraries do this," said Michael York, State Librarian.

Ross Doerr, a certified Jaws trainer of the N.H. Association for the Blind introduced the new Jaws software to the Goffstown public on October 16, 2002. Doerr, an attorney, became blind as an adult, but the Jaws software allowed him to stay in touch with his kids through e-mail. Jaws has become his windows to the world, he said.

"I think it's amazing," said Amy Lapointe, Assistant Library Director. "It's exciting as a librarian because we connect people with resources."

While using Jaws a voice reads out loud the text on the screen, and keystrokes take place of a mouse. As the computer reads, a higher-pitched voice is heard to stress a capital letter. Settings that control the speaking voice, pitch, and typing echo are all options the user can use. The keystrokes are a combination of Microsoft Windows and Jaws commands.

A Jaws dictionary allows the user to specify how a word is spoken. Doerr's last name is pronounced, "deer" by Jaws. Typing in the word "door" identifies to the computer the correct pronunciation.

With a price tag of \$800 to \$1,400 for the Jaws software, Doerr believes it is not an option for a person living on disability to afford a computer and the software.

"It's expensive to be blind," Doerr said. "These are my mechanical eyes, it's doing for me what doctors can't."

Jaws will not read pictures that are not labeled. This can cause some minor problems while using the Internet, as not all websites are Jaws functioning. Jaws will read a picture if it is labeled which helps the blind person to "see" the picture.

Lapointe found the music group U2's website to be hard to navigate while using Jaws because of the high graphic content, which Jaws cannot read to its user.

Hathaway and Lapointe attended the Adaptive Technology Consulting seminar in Massachusetts for personal one-on-one training of the software.

"I'm still learning it," Lapointe said. "It's a lot to learn. It would be difficult for someone who was not familiar with a computer."

The Goffstown Public Library was the only library to apply for the LSTA grant money to purchase Jaws and Magic made available through the New Hampshire State Library.

The N.H. Association for the Blind is aware of 51 legally blind or visually impaired individuals in Goffstown and an additional 22 in nearby communities.

Basic Jaws training is available through the N.H. Association for the Blind.

"I think it is unrealistic for any member of this library to train someone to use the Jaws program," Doerr said.

The library purchased a monitor of 19 inches for the computer after they had been accepted for the grant. An enlarged character keyboard will be a future purchase.

"Hopefully now that this is in place we'll have people who will use it," Lapointe said.

The Jaws and Magic software were made possible through funds administered by the N.H. State Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY GROUNDBREAKING

Congratulations to the Staff and Trustees of the Conway Public Library on the groundbreaking for their addition, which will take place April 11th. The road to the new addition has been a long and difficult one for those seeking to improve library services in Conway. The first vote for an addition was taken in 1994, an affirmative vote of 66% was needed to pass the warrant article, the vote was only 50%. There were four subsequent votes on the project taken between 1995 and 2001. In 2001, 60% of the voters voted to build an addition to the Library (new legislation had changed the percentage needed to pass a bond to 60%). The wording of the article was challenged by a group of Conway citizens requiring a Special Town Meeting. A subsequent lawsuit challenged the Legislature's revision of the percentage required to pass a Bond resulting in a two-year delay on construction.

The addition of 8,000 square feet will include a new Children's room, circulation and reference desk, meeting room, and stacks for adult fiction and non-fiction. The Architects for the Conway project are Tennant/Wallace, Tom Wallace is the principal architect. Margaret Marschner, Director of the Conway Public Library says "our success should be an inspiration to all librarians working on getting additions, if you persevere you can get new space to better serve your patrons"

IN REMEMBRANCE

Diana T. Anderson, 64, of Hopkinton died Sunday, January 12, 2003, surrounded by her family, of complications from lung cancer at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Born and raised in the Bronx, N.Y., she received her MLS from Simmons College and moved to New Hampshire in 1964. Diana had recently retired as the librarian at Heniker Middle School, where she had worked 15 years. She came to the New Hampshire State Library in 1964 where she was Library Consultant for the Concord District. She consulted at the Concord Public Library and helped establish professional libraries at Concord Hospital, Northern Telecom and the N.H. Education Association. In the early 1980's she co-owned Evergreen Fabrics in Concord with the wife of former State Librarian Emil Allen. She is survived by her husband, LeRoy, of 37 years and three daughters. Memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Concord Public Library, c/o Pat Immen. Contributions will go to literacy outreach programs.

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